

+GOOD NEWS+

For the Community.



The never-failing sign--the Ground Hog has staid out, and will not return to his winter quarters until the cold nights of November force him; and only wide-awake men such as

J. R. RACE & CO.,

with the prospects of an early spring, have made the most elegant preparations, and have received the most elegant line of SPRING OVERCOATS, Stylish HATS and Elegant PIECE GOODS.

It will pay you to inspect their line of NOVELTIES.

ARTISTIC TAILOR.

The long-elt want of an ARTIST TAILOR has at last been found. We have engaged MR. T. C. LUNDIN, of New York, as Cutter in our MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT and we invite all, regardless of shape and size, to call and see him and we will demonstrate to you all we claim for him; and with such an elegant and varied display of material adapted for the Spring Trade we are confident we can suit you in style, fit and price, and hope to secure many new and retain all our old friends and customers.

Yours, Truly,

J. R. RACE & CO.

Wm. Young. Karl Young.
CENTRAL PARK MEAT MARKET.

YOUNG + BROS.,

North Side Central Park.

Keep at all times THE BEST OF MEATS, both fresh and cured. Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal, Lamb, Ham, Sausage and EVERY SEASONABLE NOVELTY.

Come and try us, and we will guarantee satisfaction.

Railroad Time Tables
In effect January 1, 1888.

RUBBER + STAMPS,

WABASH, ST. LOUIS & PACIFIC
RAILWAY.

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POLITICAL.

Important Business Meeting of the National Democratic Committee.

Entered at the Post Office at Decatur, Illinois, as second class mail matter.

THURSDAY EVE., FEB. 23, 1888.

The *Peoria Journal* says that the progress General McNulta is making towards the gubernatorial nomination is that, "true, and he may get there without McLean county."

SILENTLY after the campaign of 1884 Mr. Blaine declared that he would not again be a candidate for the Presidency. He is as good as his word. The same year Mr. Cleveland wrote a letter in which he said the eligibility of the President for re-election was a threatening danger to the republic. He is a candidate for re-election. Which gentleman was the most sincere?

Chicago Journal: It is said that Mrs. Cleveland in worn out by the continual round of social duties at the White House, in about one year from now, when she and the President retire into "inconspicuous desuetude" the social duties of her position won't bear up so heavily upon her, and the dear woman will be able to obtain a little rest.

WIRK the wool growers of the United States solidly united in one association, and the wool manufacturers and dealers in another, and both these working harmoniously together to save the tariff on wool, the free traders will have some difficulty in carrying through their programme. At a meeting of wool manufacturers and commission men in New York, at which \$5,000,000 of capital was represented, steps were taken to arrange a uniform system of terms and discounts and to prevent undervaluation of imports, while the Woolen Goods Association, an organization for mutual protection, was formed.

We Ought to Have a Park.

Now, when the snows of winter are already dissolved, and a few warm days have come straying along as harbinger of spring, the thoughts of men go out gladly to welcome the advancing season of free, happy outdoor life. This is therefore an appropriate time to consider the establishment of a public park.

Macon county is the owner of the "old fair ground," a beautiful but neglected and well-nigh useless tract of forty acres, lying near the western limits of the city of Decatur. It was once, for a week in each year, a much frequented spot, and the scene of an easy and general social intercourse and hearty enjoyment. The state and county fairs brought the people together in a very pleasant way, and they were wiser and happier in consequence.

But for years the fairs have languished and have, as the old indictments for murder say, "languished, died;" and the fair grounds are as dreary and desolate as an abandoned field in the forest, or a neglected burying ground. The people have no use for them and find no pleasure in them.

And now comes the city of Decatur and proposes to the county to take the fair ground, to add other land to it, and to make of it a permanent public place for the benefit of all the people in town and country. To accomplish that purpose a large outlay of money will be required. The trees that are there must be trimmed, a fine clean soil must be cultivated, carriage drives and foot paths must be laid out and made, the waters of the abundant springs must be gathered into a lake. The whole tract must be transformed from its present rough, neglected condition into a cultivated pleasure garden. All this can be done, and to great advantage, and the city proposes to bear the expenses. The county is only asked to give the forty acres which it now owns. The land is worth very little. It is too far out for town lots. If it could be sold for a good round price per acre the sum realized would only be a few cents apiece for every man, woman and child in the county. They would never feel any benefit from its sale. But if it is made into a beautiful park, one day spent in the shade of its trees, stretched on the grass, or bowling over the smooth drives will be worth our share of the value of the old fair ground. It will be the most accessible place for the people of the whole county, at the county seat, at the geographical, the business and social centre of the county. With the additional land which is to be included, the park will be so large that a Sunday school excursion from Marion and a young folks' picnic from Macon might be there on the same day without encroaching upon each other, or being interlocked by or in the way of the citizens of Decatur strolling through or scattered about the grounds. The place would also be under careful police supervision and control. For walking and driving, for rest and for pleasure, for rich and poor, for tired men and women and restless children, what a luxury a park is. Every Old Country man knows this better than most Americans. But the natives are learning the value of recreation.

No public measure has ever been proposed in or for the community which would contribute so largely and so directly to the comfort and happiness of the whole people as this one for the establishment of a public park. By all means let our board of supervisors and the city council carry it into effect.

Less than half a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cured me of a severe bronchial affection.—H. S. Hosmer, 46 Hanover St., Baltimore, Md.

Don't!—A dealer offers you a bottle of Salvation Oil without labels or wrapping, or in a mutilated or defaced package, don't touch it—don't buy it at any price. Insist upon getting a perfect, unbroken, genuine package. Price 25 cents a bottle.

The Court House restaurant is a good place to board by the week. Day board \$2 per week. Board and room \$4. Good room and table service. Give us call, 159 South Water Street.

For rates of fares, tickets, or information regarding routes to all points north, south, west, or northeast, call on or address Mr. W. H. C. H. or Mr. A. C. P. D. & E. or Mr. T. P. Hubbell, of the Union depot, who will furnish maps, folders, &c., showing time of departure and arrival at destination.

Natural Gas. The most beautiful line of carpets, wall decorations and curtains that you ever see, and no one can sell them any cheaper than we can. Buy them at Abel's carpet store. When you say this, you can, it is an overstatement of natural gas.

POLITICAL.

Important Business Meeting of the National Democratic Committee.

The Date of Holding the National Convention Fixed for the Third of July.

Ten Ballots on the Location Without a Choice—San Francisco in the Lead.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The National Democratic convention met promptly at twelve o'clock yesterday on the half adj. William's Hotel. Chairman Harlan called the meeting to order and requested all who were not delegates to retire from the hall, and the committee then proceeded with closed doors. One of the first questions that came up before the committee was the selection of a site for the convention. After a vote, Mr. Hubert O. Thompson, Mr. Wm. Stearns, the piano manufacturer, was selected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Stearns was near at hand and took his seat in the hall. Mr. Stearns' election was discussed by the committee last night and practically agreed upon, and the committee then proceeded with closed doors.

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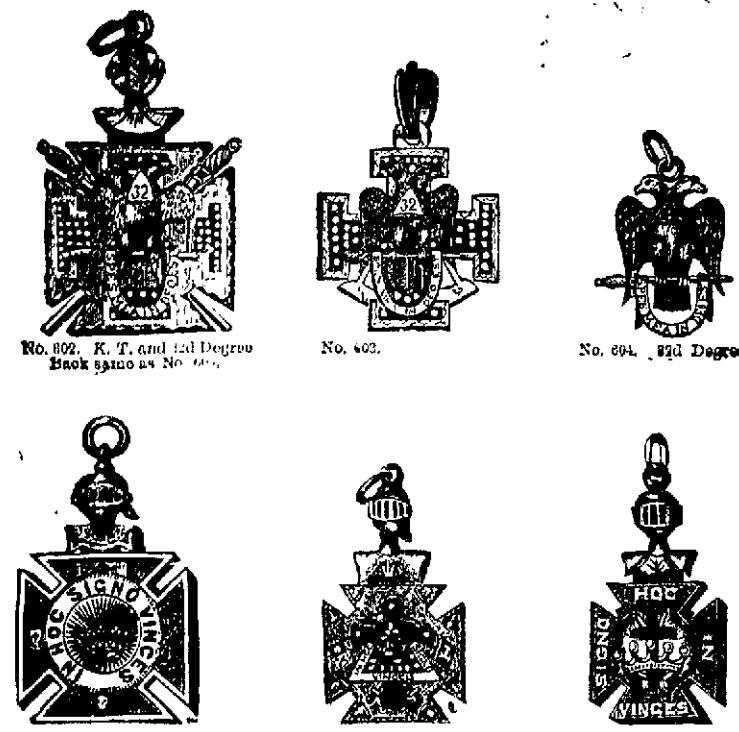
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COFFEES,
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4-X Maple Syrup,
Pennsylvania Buckwheat,
Extra German Soap,

DINGES & CLOYD'S.

THURSDAY EVE., FEB. 23, 1888.

LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to
E. D. BARTHOLMEW & Co.'s

MUSIN to-night.

34 degrees above zero this morning.
The L. R. Morse stock sale at Warrensburg is in progress to-day.

There are 20 inmates of the county jail.

Go to Harry Saar's for Gunther's
Meat. 20-06

TICKETS for Musin at Sexton's.

COMING: Maria Palmer in "My Brother's Sweetheart," March 1st.

LET every ward in Decatur organize a
Republican club. The more the merrier.W. H. Stroh has fine storage room at
his warehouse.Buy the Western Cyclone Washing
machine for quick work. Lytle & Eckels
sell it.

FRESH oysters and fish at Hanks & Pat-

ters' family grocery store.

MUSIN, the celebrated violinist, at
Musin Hall to-night.Go to Harry Saar's for cold soda
water. 20-06OVERSEER NEWELL has been given
charge of the little waif found with its
immoral mother at the pest house by
Sheriff Maury and other officers.SPRING goods at Muldoon & Son's.
Feb. 23-24For all kinds of bread, pies, cakes and
rolls, go to the bakery of August & Dow-
ling, 533 North Morgan street. None
better in the city. 20-06The members will give a drive whilst
party at the Decatur Club rooms to
night. The gentlemen invite their lady
friends to attend.The host of country butter at Nieder-
meyer's grocery store on the Monard.The old Blaine and Logan club mem-
bers will meet Saturday night to elect
delegates to the state convention of Re-
publican clubs.Go to Harry Saar's for Hot Soda
Water. 20-06Part of the Opera House orchestra
played for a masquerade ball at Sullivan
last night. The orchestra goes to Mat-
to-morrow night to furnish inspiration
for a leap year party.The Moore Bros. in opera block will
sell you good groceries and deliver all or-
ders promptly.See C. B. Prescott's display of Haines
Bro. pianos in opera block.COAL OIL. Cowan's closing out sale
only 10 cents a gallon. 23-24JOHN L. WHITTEN, of Blue Mound
township, had a pension claim which has
been hanging fire in the department for
ten years. It has been secured by C. R.
Spore, pension attorney, working on it
for three months. The amount is about
\$600.COFFEE, oysters and a nice lunch served
by the ladies of the Woman's Relief
Corps, at G. A. R. hall, (over Blencraft
market) Thursday evening, the 23rd inst.
Everybody invited. Feb. 22-23MAX Festival Chorus in rehearsal at
Musin Hall on Saturday evening, Feb.
23, at 8 o'clock.As a toilet article, Ayer's Hair Vigor
stands unrivaled. It cleanses the scalp
and removes dandruff, cures itching hum-
ers, restores the original color to faded
and gray hair, and promotes its growth.AVONIA in search of a first-class cool-
ing apparatus can find what they want in
the "Home Comfort" Range made by
Morehouse, Wells & Co. One of the best
housekeepers in the city says: "We did
not know what home comfort was until
we got a 'Home Comfort' range in the
house." 23-24Use none but Hatfield & Co.'s cele-
brated White Foam flour.For a nobby, stylish suit, go to Mu-
lody & Son's. Feb. 23-24NO OTHER spring medicine has won for
itself such universal confidence as Ayer's
Sarsaparilla. It is the most powerful
combination of vegetable ingredients ever
offered to the public, and is acknowledged
by the medical profession to be the best
blood purifier.

Niantic News Notes.

Frank Clegg is convalescent.

The telephone in the City Coal Co.'s office has
been moved.

The Coal company is running a full capacity.

There are now about 100 men at work at the
shaft.A Martha and George Washington festival
will be given at C. H. Hall's residence this
(Wednesday) evening. All are invited.Ed. McCann is acting as pit boss while his
father, P. McCann, is in Lincoln on business.The entertainment to be given by the school in
the hall on Friday evening promises to be
one of the best entertainments ever given in
Niantic.The proprietors of the Observer were in Decatur
on business Monday.Miss Sustle and Frank Bauer were united
in marriage in Decatur on Tuesday at 1 p. m.Miss May Gresh and James Dowdall, of this
city, were the attendants. X

Niantic, Feb. 22.

What Will a Dollar Buy?

A lady's or man's high button arctic? Yes.
A pair of men's high button arctics? Yes.
A pair of men's high button arctics? At

L. L. FERRISS & CO.'S, of course.

You would be surprised at the bargains they
offer in everything in their line from a
baby shirt to a man's kid driving boot.

Feb. 22-23

Don't forget Knodle & Osborne when you
want good groceries and fruits.The Old Reliable Peter Schuttler and
Moline Wagons for sale by Spencer &
Lohman. feb16-dawfCome to the Woman's Relief Corps so-
ciable, Thursday evening, February 23rd.Good coffee, good oysters and a nice
lunch served by the ladies. Feb. 22-23The finest skylight in the city is to be
had at the "I stentimented" art studio.

Feb. 22-23

On and after Thursday, February 22nd

Mrs. Sedwick's dancing classes, will

meet on the second floor of the knitting
factory. Feb. 21-22

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We are authorized to sell AT AUCTION on THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1888,

At 2 p.m., on the premises, without limit or reserve, the block of ground located at the corner of West Main and Pine streets, now occupied by A. Wait as a residence. It will be subdivided into 8 lots, four fronting on West Wood street and four on West Main street, with a frontage of 50 feet each.

If you want the best residence lots in the city wait until March 22, and make your own price and terms. Parties purchasing can make terms of payment to suit themselves, or in ten annual installments, conditions that they improve this season. 10 per cent. of the purchase money will be required to be paid on day of sale, same to be returned when improvements are made. Those who purchase not intending to improve this season, 10 per cent. on day of sale and 15 per cent. in 30 days.

House of 8 rooms, in good condition, on one of the West Main street lots, will be opened for inspection three days immediately before sale, or at any other time by getting special order from us.

JESSE LEE COFFEE & SONS.

SWEET ON MR. CROWLEY.

THE CHIMPANZEE FAVORITE OF THE METROPOLIS

The Pet Brute's Recovery from a Recent Severe Illness Moves the Talented Humorist to Make Sundry Reflections--A Duke Beside Himself

[Special Correspondence]

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—As I write these lines there is every reason to believe that Mr. Crowley, the talented chimpanzee of the park, has for some time been out of danger, although some medical experts are of the opinion that he had the next time he takes cold, to have a clasp and you Jumbo in the angel menu.

During Mr. Crowley's illness the daily press of New York kept the famous animal informed as to the progress of the disease, the mental and physical condition of the simon being almost as closely watched as that of Dandy Discobolus during his last hours. The bulletin boards at Printing House square displayed the name and status of the sick monkey in immediate juxtaposition to that of the squirrel and his famous speech in the cage.

It is to show that Mr. Crowley is an animal, so speak of national importance, but a few remarks on the subject are certainly not uncalled for just at this time.

For several years past Mr. Crowley has been the most popular attraction at Central Park, and has been won by tens of thousands of visitors to the large. I have not, or am not, in New York, so which has cost the average passenger quite a little sum of money.

New York visitors have paid very large sums to see the elephant. Strangers who have not had the opportunity to see the tiger, have had to content themselves with the monkeys and apes. I am not, however, disappointed from New York in this regard, as no man can ever get the monkeys from seeing Crowley, which is greatly to his credit.

His "Knox Silk Hat" is the most popular, so speak of national importance, but a few remarks on the subject are certainly not uncalled for just at this time.

Now, however, Col. Hunt has come to New York to make a contract to pay \$100,000 for the use of land in Prospect Park in the area adjacent to the village, where he will build a park where he can conduct his business.

He has a plan, and has laid it in the hands of the trustees of the park, and they have agreed to it.

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